

Title (en)  
DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY STORING BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL SAMPLES

Title (de)  
VORRICHTUNG ZUM AUTOMATISCHEN SPEICHERN VON BIOLOGISCHEN ODER CHEMISCHEN PROBEN

Title (fr)  
DISPOSITIF DE STOCKAGE AUTOMATIQUE POUR ECHANTILLONS BIOLOGIQUES OU CHIMIQUES

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: US6357983B1] Automatic storing device comprising a storage container for storing objects in a plurality of locations which locations are defined by one of housings and shelves arranged side-by-side and on a plurality of levels. A device is provided for loading and unloading the objects into and out of the locations. The device for loading and unloading the objects comprises a platform for supporting an object. A mechanism is also provided for moving the platform from one level to another. A pair of pliers adapted to grip an object is provided. The pliers comprise two parallel pivoting branches. Each of the two branches is pivotally mounted and has a free end adapted to grip the object. A first moving mechanism adapted to move the two branches in the same direction is provided. A second moving mechanism adapted to move the two branches towards and away from each other is also provided. Each of the free ends of the two branches comprises a mechanism for allowing the free ends to move on the platform when the two branches are moved in the same direction. The first moving mechanism is freely movably mounted to the device for loading and unloading the objects.

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